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decision to the provider at least 30 days before the proposed effective date of the sanction(s). The written notice will set forth:

- (1) The basis for the sanction:
- (2) The duration of the debarment, if any, and the factors used in determining the duration;
- (3) The requirements and procedures for reinstatement, if applicable;
- (4) The amount of the civil monetary penalty or assessment, if any, and how such penalty and/or assessment was determined:
 - (5) The right to a hearing.
- (e) If the right to a hearing is waived, OPM will implement the effective date of the sanction(s) as provided in the notice required by paragraph (d) of this section. If the right to a hearing is exhausted and OPM is upheld by the hearing officer, OPM shall set the date of the sanction(s) to become effective within 31 days of the final decision of the hearing officer.

§890.1006 Payment of claims for service or supplies furnished by debarred providers.

Health plans may not deny claims for services or supplies based on debarment of the provider under this subpart if the claimant did not know or could not reasonably be expected to have known of the debarment. In any such instance, the carrier involved must take appropriate measures to ensure that the individual is informed of the debarment and the minimum period of time remaining under the terms of the debarment.

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Subpart K—Temporary Continuation of Coverage

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§890.1101 Purpose.

This subpart identifies the individuals who may temporarily continue coverage after the coverage would otherwise terminate under this part and sets forth the circumstances of their enrollment.

§890.1102 Definitions.

In this subpart—

Gross misconduct means a flagrant and extreme transgression of law or established rule of action for which an employee is separated and concerning which a judicial or administrative finding of gross misconduct has been made.

Qualifying event means any of the following events that qualify an individual for temporary continuation of coverage under subpart K of this part:

- (1) A separation from Government service.
 - (2) A divorce or annulment.
- (3) A change in circumstances that causes an individual to become ineligible to be considered an unmarried dependent child under this part.

§890.1103 Eligibility.

- (a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this section, individuals described by this section are eligible to elect temporary continuation of coverage under this subpart. Eligible individuals are as follows:
- (1) Former employees whose coverage ends because of a separation from Federal service under any circumstances except an involuntary separation for gross misconduct.
- (2) Individuals whose coverage as children under the family enrollment of an employee, former employee, or annuitant ends because they cease meeting the requirements for being considered unmarried dependent children. For the purpose of this section, children who are enrolled under this part as survivors of deceased employees or annuitants are considered to be children under a family enrollment of an employee or annuitant at the time of the qualifying event.
- (3) Former spouses of employees, of former employees having continued family coverage under this subpart, or of annuitants, if the former spouse would be eligible for continued coverage under subpart H of this part except for failure to meet the requirement of §890.803(a) (1) or (3) of this part or the documentation requirements of §890.806(a) of this part, including former spouses who lose eligibility under subpart H within 36 months after termination of the marriage because